

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of food processing industries running in Bihar presently;
- (b) the industry-wise, quantum-wise and item-wise export during the last three years and the amount of forex earned; and
- (c) the steps taken to enable these industries to face competition in the international market and also to provide financial assistance to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Units. Food Processing Industries are both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data on food processing units in the country, including that of Bihar, is not centrally maintained. However, since 1999-2000 upto 2007-08, 22 applications claiming grant for Setting Up/Expansion/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in Bihar have been received in the Ministry.

(b): The exports of various processed food items industry/item-wise for the last three years namely 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given in Annexure.

(c): In order to promote exports of processed food items and to assist the industries to face competition in the international market, the Government has been providing support to exporters through various financial assistance schemes. These include Scheme for Infrastructure Development, Scheme for Market Development, Scheme for Quality Development, Scheme for Research and Development and Scheme for Transport Assistance implemented by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). In addition, through Agri Export Zones the Government of India has been promoting qualitative production of processed food items for exports. Government has also been assisting exporters towards participation in important trade fairs abroad, organizing Buyer Seller Meets and publicity.